



City of Santa Barbara

Planning Division

NOTICE OF EIR PREPARATION/ NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING HEARING

Date: March 31, 2007

To: State Clearinghouse
City Clerk
County Clerk of the Board
Neighbors and Interested Parties

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Project Title: 210 W. Carrillo Street, "Radio Square Project"

Project Location: The 1.17 acre project site is located at 210 W. Carrillo Street at the corner of Carrillo and De la Vina Streets. The site is in the West Downtown neighborhood of the City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.

Project No.: MST2005-00772

APN: 039-271-025

General Plan: General Commerce

Zone: C-2, Commercial

Public Scoping Hearing: **Thursday, April 19, 2007**, City Council Chambers, Santa Barbara City Hall, De La Guerra Plaza, 735 Anacapa Street. *Note time below.

Project Description: The project consists of the demolition of the existing Carrillo Plaza/Radio Square commercial site, comprised of 18,547 square feet of various retail and service commercial uses, and the construction of a new two, three and four-story mixed-use project with 55 residential units and 18,369 square feet (net) of commercial space. Twenty five of the residential units would be bonus density units with twenty-one residential units proposed to be affordable. Five of the residential units would be live/work units. The proposed commercial area consists of one 14,281 square foot (net) commercial condominium separated into nine units and 439 square feet of common area. The commercial square footage associated with the five live/work condominiums would total 3,649 square feet (net). Two levels of subterranean parking are proposed with a total of 175 parking spaces. Vehicular access to and from the parking area is proposed with entrance and exit ramps along Carrillo Street and an exit only ramp along De la Vina Street.

The **City of Santa Barbara** will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report (EIR) to evaluate impacts of the proposed project. The purpose of an EIR is to provide decision-makers and the public with information that enables them to consider the environmental consequences of the proposed project. The EIR would identify potentially significant effects, and any feasible means of avoiding or reducing these effects through project redesign, the imposition of mitigation measures, or implementation of alternatives to the project.

Comments on the proposed EIR scope of analysis are invited from public agencies, community interest groups, and individual members of the public. We request the views of public agencies as to the scope and content of environmental information germane to agency statutory responsibilities for the project. Some agencies may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering approvals for the project. Please provide the name of an agency contact person, if applicable.

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EIR Scope of Analysis: The proposed EIR scope of analysis would include evaluation of project environmental effects associated with **traffic impacts**. An Initial Study, describing potentially significant traffic impacts, as well as potentially significant, but mitigable, and less than significant impacts in other issue areas, is available for review at the City Planning Division located at 630 Garden Street, or online at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

Comments: Written comments on the EIR scope of analysis identified in the Initial Study should be sent at the earliest possible date, but **received not later than May 2, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.** Please send your written comments to the attention of Kathleen Kennedy, Associate Planner, at the above address.

Public Hearing: An environmental scoping hearing to receive public comments on the proposed EIR scope of analysis will be held before the Planning Commission on **Thursday, April 19, 2007**.

* **NOTE:** The regular Planning Commission meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Thursday afternoon. On Monday, April 16, 2007, an agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, April 19, 2007, will be available at 630 Garden Street. AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS: Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St., in the City Clerk's Office, at the Central Library, and www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov. Under Quick Links, click on Boards and Commissions and click on Planning Commission. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. Agenda items are subject to change. It is recommended that applicants and interested persons plan to arrive at 1:00 P.M. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and when the item prior to the application of interest begins come to the Commission hearing. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances. *This regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be broadcast live and rebroadcast in its entirety on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and again on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Channel 18.*

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in these meetings, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (805) 564-5305. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements.

Signature: _____

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